

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

HORIZON CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY OF	)	
SPENCER, L.P., A DELAWARE LIMITED	)	
PARTNERSHIP FOR ISSUANCE OF A	)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE	)	CASE NO. 93-142
AND NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION	)	
AND OPERATION OF AN EXTENSION TO	)	
THE TOWER LOCATED AT THE ELIZABETHTOWN	)	
CELL SITE	)	

O R D E R

On April 13, 1993, Horizon Cellular Telephone Company of Spencer, L.P. ("Horizon Cellular") filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to build and operate a cellular radio telecommunications system for Rural Service Area No. 4 ("RSA No. 4"). RSA No. 4 includes Anderson, Green, Hardin, Larue, Marion, Mercer, Nelson, Spencer, Taylor, and Washington counties. Horizon Cellular has requested authorization to add an extension to a tower in Hardin County. Horizon Cellular was previously granted authority to construct this tower in Case No. 92-485.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 92-485, Horizon Cellular Telephone Company of Spencer, L.P., a Delaware Limited Partnership, for Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Domestic Public Cellular Radio Telecommunications Service to the Public in the Kentucky Rural Service Area Which Includes Spencer, Nelson, Anderson, Hardin, Washington, Mercer, Larue, Marion, Green and Taylor Counties in Kentucky; for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Cell Site in Elizabethtown, Kentucky; and for Establishment of Initial Rates.

The existing cell site consists of a 395-foot or less guyed antenna tower located on Springfield Road, Elizabethtown, Kentucky ("the Elizabethtown cell site"). The coordinates for the Elizabethtown site are North Latitude 37° 41' 54" by West Longitude 85° 49' 15". Horizon Cellular requests Commission approval to construct a 70-foot extension to the tower, for a total tower height of 465 feet or less.

Horizon Cellular has provided information regarding the structure of the tower extension, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the Elizabethtown cell site. Based upon the application, the tower extension design appears to meet the criteria of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. National Building Code with reference to earthquakes, winds, and tornadoes.

Pursuant to KRS 100.324(1), the Elizabethtown's cell site's construction is exempt from local zoning ordinances. Horizon Cellular has filed applications with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA"), and the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission ("KAZC") seeking approval for the extension of the Elizabethtown tower. Horizon Cellular has received approval from the FCC, while the KAZC and FAA have yet to take action.

Horizon Cellular filed notices in Case No. 92-485 verifying that each property owner and/or resident within 500 feet of the Elizabethtown cell site had been notified of the 465-foot tower construction. The notice solicited any comments and informed the

property owners and/or residents of their right to intervene. No intervention requests were received.

Pursuant to KRS 278.280, the Commission is required to determine proper practices to be observed when it finds, upon complaint or on its own motion, that the facilities of any utility subject to its jurisdiction are unreasonable, unsafe, improper, or insufficient. To assist the Commission in its efforts to comply with this mandate, Horizon Cellular should notify the Commission if it does not use this antenna tower to provide cellular radio telecommunications services in the manner set out in its application and this Order. Upon receipt of such notice, the Commission may, on its own motion, institute proceedings to consider the proper practices, including removal of the unused antenna tower, which should be observed by Horizon Cellular.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Horizon Cellular should be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to extend the Elizabethtown tower in RSA No. 4.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

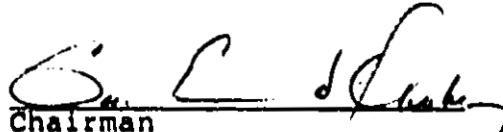
1. Horizon Cellular be and it hereby is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a 465-foot or less guyed cellular radio telecommunications antenna tower in RSA No. 4 to be located on Springfield Road, Hardin County, Elizabethtown, Kentucky. The coordinates for the Elizabethtown cell site are North Latitude 37° 41' 54" by West Longitude 85° 49' 15".

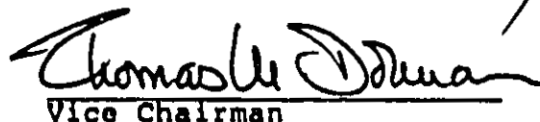
2. Horizon Cellular shall file a copy of the final decisions regarding its pending FAA and KAZC applications for this cell site construction within 10 days of receiving these decisions.

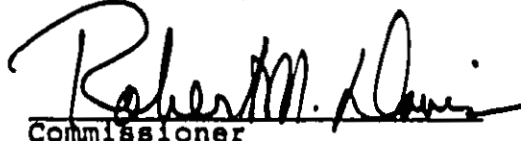
3. Horizon Cellular shall immediately notify the Commission in writing, if, after the 70' extension to the antenna tower is constructed, the tower, as extended, is not used for a period of 3 months in the manner authorized by this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of June, 1993.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director